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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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A printing method, comprising the steps of:
 receiving data at a printer;
 determining whether a URL or external network option is

enabled;

detecting if a network address in the received data;
sending on the Internet or other network an access request
for a document to the network address;

retrieving the document from the network address; and printing the document.

2. The method as defined in claim 1, wherein the external network address is a URL.

- 3. The method as defined in claim 1, wherein the detecting a network address step comprises detecting a barcode in the received data, and translating the barcode to the network address.
- 4. The method as defined in claim 3, wherein, if the URL or other external access option is not enabled, then printing the untranslated barcode.
- 5. The method as defined in claim 1, further comprising the step of enabling/disabling the URL or external network access option.
 - 6. The method as defined in claim , further comprising the step of presenting a display to a user or control entity to enable/disable the URL or external network access option.
- 7. The method as defined in claim 6, wherein the display is provided from a printer driver.

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- 8. The method as defined in claim 1, further comprising the step of enabling/disabling the URL or external network access option from a control panel.
- 9. The method as defined in claim 8, wherein the control panel is at the printer.
 - 10. The method as defined in claim 8, wherein the control panel is at a remote administrator location.
 - 11. The method as defined in claim 10, further comprising the step of sending of a user name or password to the remote administrator location.
 - 12. The method as defined in claim 1, further comprising the step of automatically enabling/disabling the URL or external network access option based on a criteria.
 - 13. The method as defined in claim 12, wherein the criteria is whether the URL or external network device meets a security requirement.
 - 14. The method as defined in claim 13, wherein the security requirement is the receipt of an authorized user name and/or password.
- 15. The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said receiving data step comprises receiving an e-mail containing said data.
 - 16. The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said receiving data step comprises receiving an e-mail with an attachment containing said data.
- 17. The method as defined in claim 3, wherein said translating step

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domprises translating the barcode to obtain a PIN#; and wherein said sending step includes sending the PIN# with the access request to the external network address for determining if the request is authorized.

- 18. The method as defined in claim 1, wherein the detecting a network address step comprises interpreting a wrapper indicating that the wrapped data is a barcode.
- 19. The method as defined in claim 3, wherein the translated barcode includes

information on printing the document inside another document; and

further comprising the step of printing the document inside the other document in accordance with the printing information upon receipt of the document at the printer.

- 20. The method as defined in claim 1, further comprising the step of printing the document inside a master document.
- 21. The method as defined in claim 20, wherein the detecting of a network address step further comprises

obtaining at least one identifier that designates the type of contents in said document; and

determining a location of the document within the master document based on said identifier.

22. A program product including machine readable program code for causing a machine to carry out the following method steps:

receiving data at a printer;

determining whether a URL or external network option is enabled;

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detecting if a network address in the received data;
sending on the Internet or other network an access request
for a document to the network address;

retrieving the document from the network address; and printing the document.

- 23. The program product as defined in claim 22, wherein program code for performing the detecting a network address step comprises program code for detecting a barcode in the received data and translating the barcode to the network address.
- 24. The program product as defined in claim 22, further comprising program code for performing the step of enabling/disabling the URL or external network access option.